

CPSG History

The Cryptologic Systems Group (CPSG) traces its origin to the U.S. Army Air Corps' 136th Signal Radio Intelligence Company at Bolling Field, Washington D.C., in February 1942 — the 136th pioneered the area of signal intelligence. From this bold beginning, CPSG has evolved through various name and organizational changes. The most recent of these came in 1994 when the Chief of Staff Air Force directed realignment of all Air Force acquisition and sustainment functions to Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC). A Cryptologic Product Group Manager (CPGM) function was established under the San Antonio Air Logistics Center (SA-ALC) to life-cycle manage the full spectrum of cryptologic products and services for the Air Force. BRAC 95 decisions to close Kelly AFB provided yet another opportunity to redefine and enhance cryptologic programs acquisition and sustainment with the realignment of CPSG to a product center — the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB MA.

Throughout its 62 year history and into the future, the CPSG has met, and will continue to meet, the challenges in supporting ***Information Superiority and Agile Combat Support*** for America.

Significant Milestones

Feb 1942	136 th Signal Radio Intelligence Company was constituted at Bolling Field, Washington D.C.
Jun 1944	Headquarters 136 th Radio Security Section reorganized to form the 136 th Detachment and enlarged to 19 platoons
Oct 1948	USAF Security Service (USAFSS) is activated, as a Major Command
Feb 1949	136 th Detachment transferred to USAFSS, Army Security Agency
Mar 1949	136 th Detachment is designated the 136 th Radio Security Squadron
Jan 1951	136 th Radio Security Squadron is designated the 136 th Communications Security Squadron (CSS)
Aug 1953	136 CSS relocates to Kelly AFB TX from Brooks AFB TX
Dec 1953	136 CSS is designated the 36 CSS
May 1955	36 CSS is designated the 6936 CSS and assigned to the Air Force Communications Security Center (AFCOMSECCEN) until 1 Jan 56 when it is assigned to the 6960 th Support Group
Apr 1960	6936 CSS became an independent unit assigned to USAF Security Service — It is designated the 6936 th COMSEC Depot Group (CSDG)
Dec 1963	6936 CSDG assumes responsibility for depot-level maintenance of Signals Intelligence systems
Jan 1964	6936 CSDG reorganized to a directorate structure and is designated the USAF Cryptologic Depot (AFCD)
Jul 1972	USAFSS transfers management of its operating procurement functions to AFCD

Apr 1973	TEMPEST Program is transferred to AFCOMSECCEN
Feb 1980	AFCD is designated the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center (AFCSC) under the control of Electronic Security Command
Oct 1991	Electronic Security Command is designated the Air Force Intelligence Command (AFIC) and AFCSC gained the 6966 th Electronic Security Flight — all air and ground cryptologic operations and acquisition activities transferred from AFIC to AFCSC
Jun 1993	<p>USAF PAD 93-8 directs the Normalization of AF Intelligence, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfer of INFOSEC technical support for joint programs to the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) [Washington DC] - Transfer of COMSEC/Computer Security Policy and Doctrine/Education Training and Awareness Missions to the AFC4A [Scott AFB IL] - Transfer of Engineer Testing/Evaluation Missions (including TEMPEST testing, Product Assessment and Research & Development) as well as Operational Vulnerabilities, Incidents and COMSEC applications to Air Force Information Warfare Center (AFIWC) - Transfer of program acquisition and sustainment responsibilities to Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) - AFCSC retains the cryptologic depot mission, as well as life-cycle management of the Electronic Key Management System and Voice Call Sign programs - 1 Oct 93: AFIC is designated the Air Intelligence Agency (AIA) - 1 Oct 94: AFCSC is deactivated — the transfer of program acquisition and sustainment responsibilities to the San Antonio Air Logistics Center (SA-ALC) [AFMC] is complete
Jun 1995	Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) Report to the President recommends the closure of Kelly AFB, but specifically <u>exempts</u> the cryptologic depot in its decision
Oct 1996	<p>The Cryptologic Depot mission is subordinated as Detachment 4, Electronic Systems Center (ESC), Hanscom AFB MA, and includes 2 new mission areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SIGINT: Circular Display Antenna Array (AN-FLR9) - FORCE PROTECT: Base Installation Security System (BISS) and Weapons Systems Storage System (WS3)
Apr 1997	Air Staff designates Det 4 ESC the Cryptologic Systems Group (CPSG)
Sep 1999	Logistics management and support (field engineering, materiel management, and supply/warehouse/transportation) for Materials Collection Systems transfers from the Technical Operations Division (TOD) at McClellan AFB CA to the CPSG